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JOHANNESBURG AFRIKAANS PAPER " BEELD" EDITORIALIZED SEPT 14 QUOTE
DR KISSINGER HAS DANGLED AN ECONOMIC AID PLAN AS A CARROT BEFORE
THE PROVERBIAL DONKEY IN HIS SEARCH FOR A SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA.
THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE RHODESIANS WILL BITE... THE KISSINGER
PLAN GOES AS FAR AS THE WEST IS PREPARED TO UNDERWRITE WHITE
RHODESIAN INTERESTS. KNOWING WHAT THE ALTERNATIVE IS THE
RHODESIANS WOULD BE WISE TO CONSIDER IT." UNQUOTE.

JOHANNESBURG AFRIKAANS PAPER " DIE TRANSVALER" EDITORIALIZED
SEPT 13 QUOTE IT IS WIDELY ACCEPTED THAT SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS
ARRIVED AT THE CROSSROADS - WAR OR PEACE. DR KISSINGER WARNED
ON THE EVE OF DEPARTURE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT NOTHING LESS
THAN WORLD PEACE DEPENDED ON EVENTS IN THIS SUB-CONTINENT...

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HE WARNED OF THE DANGER OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN SOUTHERN

AFRICA AND WE ALL KNOW HE MEANT SOVIET-CUBAN INTERFERENCE. WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE REALITY THAT SOUTHERN AFRICA IS A POTENTIAL FLASH POINT IN THE US-USSR STRUGGLE, SUCH AS KOREA, VIETNAM, MIDDLE EAST WERE. THE PREMIER HAS POINTED OUT THIS IS NOT SIMPLY A CONFLICT BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE; IT IS A STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC AND WEST AND THE COMMUNISTS. ONE CAN ONLY HOPE MR SMITH SEES THE POSITION IN THE SAME LIGHT AS MR VORSTER WHEN HE MEETS THE PREMIER TODAY. UNQUOTE.

JOHANNESBURG BLACK PAPER "THE WORLD" EDITORIALIZED SEPT 14 THAT SMITH AND KISSINGER VISITS TO PRETORIA THIS WEEK SIGNAL QUOTE THE OFFENSIVE FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS STARTING IN EARNEST. AND THERE IS NO DOUBT IT IS A DO-OR-DIE EXERCISE IN DIPLOMACY. FOR RHODESIA THE MOMENT OF TRUTH HAS COME. THIS MAY BE MR VORSTER'S LAST-DITCH ATTEMPT TO BRING HOME THE FACTS TO THE OBSTINATE RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER. FAILING WHICH, MR VORSTER MUST SERIOUSLY CONSIDER PUTTING PRESSURE ON RHODESIANS TO COME TO THEIR SENSES. HE HAS VERY LITTLE CHOICE, UNLESS HE WANTS TO INVOLVE SOUTH AFRICA IN A WAR THAT IS NOT OURS. SOUTH WEST AFRICA, WHICH IS CERTAIN TO TOP DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DR KISSINGER AND MR VORSTER, IS ANOTHER AREA IN WHICH THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER MUST NOW APPLY HIS MIND SERIOUSLY. HERE AGAIN WE HAVE TO URGE HIM TO WATER DOWN HIS OPPOSITION TO THE PRESENCE OF SWAPO, FOR WITHOUT THEM, NO SOLUTION FOR NAMIBIA WILL BE POSSIBLE. ON THE CONTRARY, IT WOULD SPELL AN INTENSIFICATION OF GUERRILLA WARFARE IN THE AREA, SOMETHING SOUTH WEST AFRICA CANNOT AFFORD. LASTLY, THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH AFRICA ARE ALSO UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY. WITH THE UNPRECEDENTED INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN AMERICA IN SOUTH AFRICA IN THIS ELECTION YEAR, MR VORSTER NEEDS TO GIVE DR KISSINGER A COMPLETE PROGRAMME SHOWING THAT WE INTEND MOVING AWAY FROM RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND WHAT PLANS HE HAS IN EXTENDING POLITICAL RIGHTS TO THE DISENFRANCHISED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA. UNQUOTE

SAME PAPER EDITORIALIZED SEPT 15 QUOTE AS WE FEARED, THE PRIME MINISTER, MR VORSTER, PROVED TO BE WAY OFF THE MARK WHEN HE ADDRESSED HIS TRANSVAAL PARTY CONGRESS THIS WEEK. HIS ADDRESS TURNED OUT TO BE ONE OF THOSE TOUGH SPEECHES, UNRELATED TO THE PRESENT CAUSE OF THE UNREST IN THE COUNTRY. WHAT WAS MORE DISTRESSING WAS THAT IT WAS SO PROVOCATIVE THAT WE NOW DOUBT THE GOVERNMENT'S UNCLASSIFIED

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ABILITY TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS. IF MR VORSTER IS SERIOUS ABOUT HIS CLAIMS THAT THERE IS NO CRISIS IN THIS COUNTRY AT PRESENT, THEN WE HAVE CAUSE TO BE DOUBLY WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA. FOR AS THE OLD ADAGE GOES, "NONE SO BLIND THAN HE WHO WILL NOT SEE". UNQUOTE.

PEITERMARITZBURG ENGLISH PAPER "NATAL WITNESS" EDITORIALIZED SEPT 15 QUOTE IF DR KISSINGER IS TO TALK TO CHIEF GATSHA BETHELEZI AND

MR SONNY LEON WHILE IN S.A. WE HOPE HE FINDS TIME TO SPEAK TO
MESSRS. GRAAF AND EGLIN AS WELL, FOR WHATEVER HE MAY HAVE BEEN
TOLD ABOUT MR VORSTER' SUNSHAKABLE GRIP ON THE WHITE ELECTORATES
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HE REALIZE WHITE POLITICS HERE GO BEYOND THE
NARROW IDEOLOGICAL CONFINES OF THE RULING PARTY... IF A PEACEFUL
SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTH AFRICA IS TO BE FOUND IT CAN ONLY
BE ON A BASIS OF SHARED POWER- THE PHILOSOPHY INHERENT, TO A
VARYING DEGREE, IN THE POLICIES OF BOTH MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTIES.
THIS IS A PERSPECTIVE THAT DR KISSINGER WOULD DO WELL TO
RECOGNIZE. UNQUOTE.

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DCLD AFRIKAANS PAPER " DIE VADERLAND" EDITORIALIZED SEPT 15
ON QUOTE GREAT BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY RESTING WITH MR VORSTER.
BUT HIS IS NOT THE ONLY KEY ROLE. ALSO INVOLVED IN THE DRAMA OF
PEACE OR WAR ARE DR KISSINGER, MR SMITH AND THE BLACK LEADERS
OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, PRESIDENTS NYERERE AND KAUNDA. DR KISSINGER
HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CONVINCE THE BLACK LEADERS OF THE
NECESSITY FOR PEACE AND A REALISTIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS RHODESIA,
SWA AND RSA. AS FOR MR SMITH, MR VORSTER HAS REMINDED RHODESIA
OF WHAT RSA HAS DONE FOR THAT COUNTRY; WILL RHODESIA NOW CONTINUE
ON A PATH WHICH WILL FINALLY IMPLICATE RSA. MR VORSTER HAS SAID
HE WILL NOT BOW TO PRESSURE TO FORCE RHODESIANS HAND. IT REMAINS
FOR MR SMITH TO SAY WHAT HE IS PREPARED TO DO TO AVERT PRESSURE.
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